Eastern Coal Ltd. and Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.

Banking Sector Reforms

2318. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the details of the Banking sector reforms for the year 1995-96 to focus on curbing inflation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) The monetary and credit policy pursued by RBI during the current financial year seeks to moderate the growth of money supply with a view to containing the inflationary pressures and, at the same time; ensuring the availabling of adequate credit suppot to the industry.

Banking sector reforms carried out this year include (a) reduction in cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) to 14 per cent from 15 per cent of the net demand and time liabilities of banks, (b) reduction of CRR on Foreign currency Non-Resident Accounts (Banks) (FCNR (B)) Accounts to 7.5 per cent, (c) removing average CRR obligation for incremental deposits under FCNR (B), Non-Resident External (Rupee) and Non-Resident Non-Repatriable Accounts and (d) deregulation of interest rate on domestic term deposits of over 2 years. Both ceiling interest rate on domestic term deposits of 46 days of 2 years and on NRE(R) deposits has been raised to 12 per cent. All these measured together with already reduced Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) (to 31.85 per cent) will help banks mobilise a larger amount of lendable resources as also extend a greater amount of credit to the private commercial sector with likely encouraging effect on the growth of production and moderating effect on the inflation rate.

Setting up of more Doordarshan Kendras in Rajasthan

2319. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up more Doordarshan Kendras in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof (district-wise) and the budgetary provisions made during the current financial year and spent so far; and

(c) by when, all the districts particularly rural areas/desert areas likely to be covered by Doordarshan Kendras/programmes including providing free television sets for installation at community centres for weaker sections of the society in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BORADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A number of transmitters of varying powers, as per the district-wise details given in the enclosed statement (*See* below) are presently under implementation/envisaged to be set up in Rajasthan. A provision of Rs. 476.45 lakhs was kept in the Sanctioned Budget Grant 1995-96 for these projects. The total expenditures incurred till date on these schemes is Rs. 2294.17 lakhs.

(c) Whereas satellite derived service of Doordarshan is available throughout the country, including the entire State of Rajasthan, terrestrial transmission is also available wholly or partially to all districts of Rajasthan covering an estimated 41.8% area of the State. On commissioning of the projects presently under implementation/envisaged to be set up, the service is expected to be available to an estimated 90.1% area of the State including rural and desert areas. Further expansion of terrestrial service

would depend on availability of resources and inter-se priorities. Doordarshan does not have any proposal, at present, to provide TV sets at community centres.

Statement

District-wise details of Transmitter Projects presently under implementation / envisaged to be set up in Rajasthan

District	Location	Type of Transmitter
AJMER	AJMER	HPT
	NASIRABAD	LPT
	KISHANGARH	LPT
	VIJAINAGAR	LPT
ALWAR	KISHANGARH	LPT
BANSWARA	KUSHALGARH	LPT
BHARATPUR	NAGAR	LPT
	BHARATPUR	LPT
BARMER	BARMER	HPT
BHILWARA	SHAHPURA	LPT
	GANGAPUR	VLPT
	MANDALGARH	VLPT
BIKANER	BIKANER	HPT
CHURU	RAJGARH	LPT
CHITTORGARH	BARI SADRI	LPT
	PRATAPGARH	LPT
	BANSI	LPT
DUNGARPUR	SAGWARA	LPT
GANGANAGAR	ANUPGARH	HPT
	NOHAR	LPT
	TIBI	LPT
JAIPUR	LALSOT	VLPT
JHALAWAR	PIRAWA	LPT
JALORE	BHINMAL	LPT
	SANCHOR	LPT
JODHPUR	JODHPUR	HPT
	PHALODI	LPT
JHUNJHUNU	NAVALGARH	LPT
JAISALMER	JAISALMER	HPT
NAGAUR	MAKRANA	LPT
PALI	SOJAT	LPT
	BALI	LPT
	NIMAJ	LPT
SAWAI	HINDAUN	LPT
MADHOPUR	KARAULI	LPT
SIKAR	FATEHPUR	VLPT
	LAXMANGARH	VLPT
	NEEMKA THANA	VLPT

District	Location	Type of Transmitter
SIROHI	MT. ABU	LPT
UDAIPUR	NATHDWARA	HPT
	DARIAWAD	LPT
	BHIM	VLPT
	KOTRA	VLPT
	ZAWAR MINES	VLPT
	KESARIAJI	LPT

Customs Duty on Imported Naptha

2320. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) current customs duty on imported naptha including counterveiling duty;

(b) whether there is any proposal to change the current duty structure for naptha; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Naptha is exempted from the whole of basic customs duty and attracts only additional duty of customs @10 percent.

(b) and (c) At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to change the present customs duty rate on naptha.

Inter-State Mega Power Projects in Private Sector

2321. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to have inter-state Mega power projects in the private sector;

(b) if so, the broad-policy laid down for setting up of such power plants; and

(c) the sites identified for such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The broad features of the policy are:—

1. Projects of capacity of 1000 MW and more and catering power to more than one State should be considered as a mega project.
2. There would be total transparency in selection of the promoters and selection would be through the competitive bidding route *i.e.* issue of 'Request For Qualification' (RFQ) short listing of potential developers, inviting 'Request for Proposals' (RFPS) etc.
3. The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) would identify potential sites for setting up such mega projects and National Thermal Corporation (NTPC) would prepare feasibility reports (FRs).
4. POWERGRID would provide escort services and act as a facilitator and catalyst, and arrange for wheeling of power generated by the mega projects.
5. The developer would have to enter into separate Power Purchase Agreements with the purchasing States.

(c) The CEA has initiated action to identify possible sites for such projects.